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The Eagle doesn't take much stock in reminiscences of the Confederacy, believing that it is best to let the dead past bury its dead, but the death of Gen. George W. Gordon is an event of too much importance to be passed over in silence. His military record was splendid, but his best service to Tennessee and to the South was given in the dark days of reconstruction. What he did to Denver his native state from the carpetbaggers and scalawags the world will never know because much of it is secret history, known only to a few whose lips are forever sealed by a fearful oath. General Gordon showed his unselfishness by permitting the credit for much that he did to be given to others. There never lived a braver man or a truer patriot than George W. Gordon.

While Tammany is ostensibly and ostentatiously boosting the candidacy of Governor Dix for the presidency, that mephistophelean organization is all the while giving aid and comfort to "favorite son" movements in every state having an aspirant for the democratic nomination, with one exception. That exception is Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey. Tammany's game is to get as many states as possible to endorse their favorite sons, in the hope of being able to combine them all against Governor Wilson, the strongest man, and nominate Harmon or some other reactionary.

The legislature ought to pass the appropriations and redistricting bills without unnecessary delay and then put up to the governor the submitting of liquor regulation. In that case there would be no excuse for his refusal. Honesty is the best policy in politics as well as in business.

Prof. Potts says a sand-clay road can be made that will be firm in all seasons. It is done by thoroughly draining the roadbed and properly proportioning and mixing the sand and clay. Then there is no reason why Brazos county can not have good roads.

In explaining how it happened in Mississippi, Senator Percy's friends are saying that his friendship for Lomer was the cause of his undoing. Probably we shall hear something of the sort in Texas after the July primary next year.

The editor has been asked why the I. & G. N. was not included in the "roast" of the Central for not keeping water in the waiting rooms. Oh, well, nobody expects anything of the "Spaghetti."

The Huntsville Post-Item says road working in Walker county is a joke. It is scarcely possible to conceive of a more expensive and cruel and wicked joke.

Playing politics down Austin way may be interesting to the participants in the game, but it is expensive to the taxpayers who have to foot the bills.

The Tennessee farmer who made provision in his will for a mule must have realized that "a fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind."

Governor Woodrow Wilson is by birth a Virginian and his wife is a Georgian—both families being of good old Southern stock.

There is a cotton patch on Long Island, one of the Bahamas, and the boll weevil is after it. He has reached Cuba en route.

Senator Bailey is keeping his apologists jumping sideways to find excuses for his erratic stunts.

"Millions for Good Roads—Not a Cent for Politics!" would be a good slogan for everybody.

The Berillonists haven't yet succeeded in securing a thumb print of the Black Hand.

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Mr. E. W. Kirkpatrick of McKinney, the veteran agriculturist of the state and president of the Texas Farmers' Congress, in his annual address to the congress at College Station, among other things, made the following timely statement in regard to public highways: "We hope this congress will take advanced position on a system of permanent highways, with state supervision of construction and local control of expenditures. Civic improvement, the beautifying and improving of schools, school grounds, homes and parks and all public institutions should receive constant encouragement." The sentiment expressed by Mr. Kirkpatrick will find a ready response in the heart of every patriotic citizen of Texas, and his recommendation of state aid in building public highways is in keeping with the broad and liberal policy that has always characterized his administration as president of the congress.

The prices of products depend not only upon the cost of production, but also upon the cost of distribution. Whatever, therefore, adds to the cost of transportation necessarily adds to the cost of the product. Build good roads.

The federal census reports (1910) on urban and rural population shows 24 per cent of the population of Texas in cities and 76 per cent in the rural districts. During the past decade the cities in Texas have gained 68 per cent and the rural districts 19 per cent. The rate of growth in rural districts of continental United States shows a 11 per cent increase. Texas farms have made a splendid showing compared with the average of the country at large. The cities of continental United States show an increase in population of 35 per cent, against 68 per cent in Texas. Texas makes a splendid showing any way you take it.

The cost of making good roads, while considerable, is small compared with the benefits to be derived. Especially is this true of road construction in Texas. In this state, where we have road material convenient, the cost of building roads is not so great.

**Bailey's Surprising Stunts.**  
And now they tell us that Senator Bailey has said he will support Tom Ball for governor against Coquitt. Doubtless Mr. Bailey has the right to support whom he chooses, but if he does it will not be any more surprising than several other stunts he has pulled off during the last few weeks.—Nava-sota Examiner-Review.

**Tangled and Complex.**  
We are not crossing any kind of bridges till we get to them, but if next year's campaign doesn't present the most tangled and altogether complex situation ever seen in this state we miss our guess about a league and then some.—Conterville Record.

**HOUSTON HEIGHTS WANTS LOCAL OPTION ELECTION.**  
[By Associated Press.]  
Houston, Texas, Aug. 11.—The citizens of Houston Heights, a suburb of Houston with a population of about ten thousand, have prepared a petition for a local option election, which is to be presented to the commissioners' court.

**What's the Matter With Thomas?**

There are some names which seem peculiarly suited to royalty; Louis, for instance, has a kingly sound. Francis, George, Henry in both spellings, Charles, William, Edward and James all have served their turn. Johns there have been, and Stephens. I remember a Robert in Sicily and a Peter in Russia and Serbia. Frederick has often worn the crown, and royal honors are even now paid to Ferdinand in Bulgaria. But was there ever, anywhere, a king named Thomas? Oscars and even Haakens ascend the dais, but ever through all the centuries Thomas remains the subject, sometimes struggling up to a bishopric or an earldom, but never attaining the crown. Nicholas wears the imperial purple; God-freys lord it over Jerusalem; Alexis struts in ermine; Alexanders fare forth to conquest; Julius and Leo don the triple crown, but Thomas, poor plebeian Thomas, has never a crown to his name. Now tell me, you who are wise in the occult influence of names, what is the matter with Tom?—London Idler

**Washington as a Humorist.**

While president Washington's humor seemed to find expression in the diplomacy of self protection. A French revolutionist came to him for a general testimonial, which Washington did not care to grant, yet he did not wish to give offense to the French by a curt refusal, so he wrote an evasive card worthy of Lincoln—"C. Volney needs no recommendation from G. Washington."

After Cornwallis' surrender at York town Washington treated him with high consideration. At a dinner given in honor of the distinguished prisoner Rochambeau proposed "The United States" as his toast; Washington responded with "The king of France"; Cornwallis, perforce, faintly suggested "His majesty," when Washington started them all by announcing, "The king of England—may he stay there!" with a ready wit that made even Cornwallis laugh.—Century.

**Cards and Card Playing.**

In a paper in the Journal of the Royal Society of Arts Professor H. Cheney, discussing the part played by gambling in magic, observes: "The use of cards is said to be derived from the Turot cards, which were originally employed for occult purposes. The legend which ascribes the invention of cards to the purpose of amusing a mad king does not seem at all a sufficient explanation, and there is in addition the fact that cards of a kind existed before the said king. In further support of this idea the well known practice of telling fortunes by cards may probably be regarded as a survival of a regular form of divination by such means. It seems, in fact, that card playing for stakes is a mere development of a ceremony in which individuals consulting the oracle decided to abide by its pronouncements as to the holding of disputed property."

**Meteors and the Atmosphere.**

One of the most useful results arising from the study of sporadic meteors is the light thrown upon the question of the height of the atmosphere, since it is the friction of the air that sets them on fire, and if their elevation is known at the moment of their first appearance the probable height of the atmosphere can be calculated. On Aug. 11, 1909, a brilliant meteor happened to impress its picture simultaneously on three photographic plates, at Tashkend, Iskander and Tschirman, in Russian Turkestan. The distances between these places furnished base lines from which the height could be deduced. The calculation shows that the meteor first appeared at a height of 69.45 miles above the earth and disappeared at fifty miles.

**The Orange in Spain.**

It is considered a very healthful thing to eat an orange before breakfast. But who can eat an orange well? One must go to Spain to see that done. The senorita cuts off the rind with her silver knife, then, putting her fork into the peeled fruit, she detaches every morsel with her pearly teeth and continues to eat the orange without losing a drop of the juice and lays down the core with the fork still in it.

**Unpalatable.**

The Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon was fond of a joke, and his keen wit was, moreover, based on sterling common sense. One day he remarked to one of his sons: "Can you tell me the reason why the lions didn't eat Daniel?" "No, sir. Why was it?" "Because the most of him was backbone and the rest was grit."—Youth's Companion.

**Going the Rounds.**

Husband of Tomorrow (reviewing wedding presents)—That awful cruel seems familiar. Wife of Tomorrow—Yes, dear, you saw it at the Browns. They got it as a wedding present and gave it to the Smiths at theirs. It's the Smiths' present. But never mind, dear; Harry's wedding comes off soon!—London Opinion.

**Adroit.**

"He is what you might call an adroit man."  
"Decidedly. His sins never find him out and his debts never find him in."  
—Exchange.

**Chilly Affair.**

Stella—Did you give the bride a shower? Bella—Well, all her friends threw cold water on the bridegroom.—New York Sun.

A strenuous soul hates cheap success.—Emerson.

**A Witty Reply.**

On one occasion an important dress rehearsal at His Majesty's theater was prolonged until the small hours of the morning. The company grew very weary, particularly a gentleman who had been with Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree in a good many productions, but who had never attained to more than a very tiny part. When the time came to rehearse his few lines he was so tired that his voice was anything but distinct.

"What's the matter, Mr. Z?" asked Sir Herbert in his most sarcastic tones. "Are you saving your voice for the rehearsal?"

"No, Sir Herbert," was the retort. "I've never been able to save anything under your management."

Sir Herbert, an exceedingly witty man himself, was so pleased with the retort that the salary of the small part man was raised.—London M. A. P.

**An English King's Death.**

William Rufus was killed by an arrow, either accidental or with murderous intent. He died in the New Forest. His body was stripped by tramps and the next day was found by a charcoal burner, who placed the naked corpse on his cart, hoping to receive a reward. On the way to Winchester the cart was upset, and the king's body fell in the mire. Covered with filth and black with charcoal, it arrived in Winchester, where it was buried in the cathedral. A few years later the tower fell and crushed the tomb, and 900 years after the Puritans riled the grave and played football with the king's skull.

**The Best She Could Do.**

"There is only one reason," he said, "why I have never asked you to be my wife."

"What is that?" she asked. "I have always been half afraid you might refuse."

"Well," she whispered after a long silence, "I should think you'd have curiosity enough to want to find out whether your suspicion was well founded or not."—Chicago Record-Herald.

**Damascus Swords.**

It is seldom that a really good specimen of a Damascus sword can be obtained, for the art of working and engraving the kind of steel of which they are made is lost. These famous swords were made of alternate layers of iron and steel so finely tempered that the blade would bend to the hilt without breaking.

**She Needed Them All.**

There are over 200,000 words in the English language, and most of them were used last Sunday by a lady who discovered after coming out of church that her stunning new hat was adorned with a price tag on which was written, "Reduced to \$2.75."—Norborne (Mo.) Leader.

**To Husband and Wife.**

Preserve sacredly the privacies of your own house, your married state and your heart. Let not father or mother or sister or brother ever presume to come between you or share the joys or sorrows that belong to you two alone.

With mutual help build your quiet world, not allowing your dearest earthly friends to be the confidant of aught that concerns your domestic peace. Let moments of alienation, if they occur, be healed at once. Never, no, never, speak of it outside, but to each other confess, and all will come out right. Never let the morrow's sun still find you at variance. Renew and renew your vow. It will do you good, and thereby your minds will grow together contented in that love which is stronger than death, and you will be truly one.—National Magazine

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